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THE Tongans are a branch of the Polynesian race. Their origins are lost in antiquity but they have been living in their scattered Pacific Islands for a very long time, as their oral tradition indicates.

Their isolation and environment have evolved a way of life suitable to local need and comparatively unshaken by western impact. They are a self-reliant, resourceful, agricultural people, exceptionally gifted in song and melody, showing respect to their chiefs and devotion to their Island home. Tonga is a self-governing kingdom with a constitutional monarchy, as well as a British Protected State by virtue of a Treaty of Friendship signed in 1900 and recently revised.

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Since 1918, when she succeeded her father on the throne, Her Majesty Queen Salote Tupou, G.C.V.O., G.B.E., has reigned over this group of 150 Pacific islands which Captain Cook, when he visited them in the latter part of the 18th century, aptly named "The Friendly Islands."

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Queen Salote has exercised a great influence on the destinies of her people. Education, already universal in the time of King George I of Tonga, who died in 1893, has advanced, while medical and health services have been extended and communications improved. Infant welfare is one of the many social services that owes its progress to the Queen's personal inspiration.

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